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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No.2003/0075717
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0104664
- (3) Japan 8-217443
- (4) Japan 6-204515
- (5) "Multi-bandgap a-Si alloy stacked solar cells have been investigated for power use" H. Sannomiya, et al., Technical Digest of the International PVSEC-5, Kyoto, Japan, pp. 387-390 (1990).

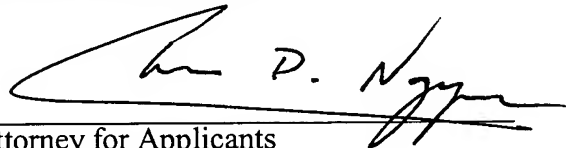
A concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (3) and (4) is provided by the abstract provided with each document. References (3), (4) and (5) were discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the specification.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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